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The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A spacer for attaching onto a printed wiring board to which is fixed an electronic component having a component package, on one of whose surfaces a connection terminal is arranged, said spacer comprising ~~ana~~ single-piece elastic member with no ends thereof,

said elastic member being detachably attached to the printed wiring board in such a way as to enclose the electronic component to seal a gap between the electronic component and the printed wiring board, and

said elastic member being attached to and detached from the printed wiring board by exploiting elastic deformation of said elastic member.

2. (ORIGINAL) A spacer as set forth in claim 1, wherein said elastic member has a frame-like shape with an inner outline which is similar in shape to an outline of the component package, and is smaller in length than the outline of the component package, and is thinner than the gap between the electronic component and the printed wiring board.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A spacer as set forth in claim 1~~ A spacer for attaching onto a printed wiring board to which is fixed an electronic component having a component package, on one of whose surfaces a connection terminal is arranged, said spacer comprising an elastic member with no ends thereof,

said elastic member being detachably attached to the printed wiring board in such a way as to enclose the electronic component to seal a gap between the electronic component and the printed wiring board, and

said elastic member being attached to and detached from the printed wiring board by exploiting elastic deformation of said elastic member,